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Schools left vacant add to Philly's urban decay

► Some 40 public, Catholic buildings will join others already empty in many areas
 ► Shattered windows, crude graffiti pockmark landscape ► District seeks buyers {page 02}

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► Ada Lewis Elementary in East Mount Airy is on sale, but one city real estate expert says there is little interest in old school buildings.

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Drake, Chris Brown saga ongoing, though each claims his entourage had the clash {page 07}

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In the news

Cop charged in Bucks standoff

Richard Klementovich, an off-duty officer from New Jersey and U.S. Army combat veteran, surrendered late Sunday after allegedly barricading himself inside the home of his estranged wife for 10 hours in Doylestown. Klementovich was arraigned Tuesday and charged with 83 offenses, according to documents from the Doylestown Township Police Department.

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In the news



Everyone in!

Mayor Nutter and city officials celebrated the opening of public pools yesterday at Awbury Recreation Center in East Mount Airy, marking the official start of summer vacation for thousands of young people. All 70 pools across the city will be open this summer, Nutter said, and the pools will be not require private donations. METRO

Magnets for vandals

BIXARD LARMA/METRO

► Schools left vacant by shrinking city district and archdiocese don't age well ► Residents, blight advocates say they become more dangerous than just eyesores

Yorktown resident Allan Poole, 60, fondly remembers attending William Harrison Elementary School on North 11th Street — a building which stands in the shadow of Temple University and has served as a landmark for more than 80 years.

The school is expected to be closed for good this month. Like many, Poole is sad to see it close, but one question no one can answer is what will happen to the building.

"Ain't no telling what's going to happen to it," Poole said last week. "[There are] a lot of unsavory characters in this neighborhood."

More than 20 schools will close across the city this year between public and parochial schools, and while some will be used for other educational programs, many will be left vacant. If history is any indica-

tion, some of them will become magnets for vandals and drug activity and wind up in disrepair.

"There's just all kinds of inherent potential dangers," said Mary Tracy, executive director of Scenic Philadelphia, the anti-blight organization formerly known as SCRUB. "I think the city has really got to starting to look at rising all boats here and how are we going to make people want to stay and want to move into neighborhoods."

A report last year from the city controller's office said eight vacant schools posed safety hazards and should be torn down. One of those schools, the former Edison High, was the site of a four-alarm fire last August. Another, the former Roberto Clemente, has been vacant since 1998.

Danielle Floyd, the Philadelphia School District's deputy for strategic initiatives, said 11 of the district's 14 vacant facilities are up for sale and officials will be soliciting proposals for them soon. The district also has a decommissioning process that includes getting community involvement so that there is a quicker turnaround on future closures, she said.

"The goal is not to have these sit vacant, in some cases, eight to 10 years. We're not looking to go back into that cycle moving forward," Floyd said.

Quoted

"There just hadn't been a comprehensive plan put in place about what to do with those facilities."

DANIELLE FLOYD, ON WHY SEVERAL FORMER SCHOOLS ARE STILL VACANT AND UNSPOKEN FOR



► The exterior of long vacant Roberto Clemente Middle School in North Philadelphia looks burnt out.

Schools are not easy sells

In Philadelphia, one of the challenges is that many of the buildings are in low-income neighborhoods where rental prices would not be appealing to developers, according to real estate expert Kevin Gillen, vice president and director of Econsult Corp. He said the buildings would be better suited to be converted to office space or

public use such as rec centers.

The archdiocese said the parishes will make the final call on elementary school facilities, while the Philadelphia School District has not decided what to do with its newly vacated buildings.

"We have not made any determination at this point on whether we want to sell, whether or not we want to mothball, whether or not we want to lease," said Danielle Floyd, deputy for strategic initiatives. METRO/SDL

By the numbers

92

A study by the Philadelphia Research Initiative last year examined six cities that went through similar school closings. The report revealed that more than 200 buildings were still vacant in the six cities, including 92 in Detroit alone.



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PHA chief departs for Washington DC agency

CITY HALL. Three days after Michael Kelly abruptly stepped down as head of the Philadelphia Housing Authority, he has been tapped for a post as director of Washington, D.C.'s Department of Housing and Community Development.

Kelly's resignation was accepted Friday, but neither PHA nor the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

18 Months Kelly lasted at PHA after being appointed PHA chief in December 2010

offered any explanation initially. Kelvin Jeremiah, PHA's director of Audit and Compliance, will take over in the interim while a national search is conducted. METRO



► Kelly

Enrollment lag cancels regional school plan

A newly proposed regional Catholic school in Manayunk will not open next year due to low enrollment, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced yesterday.

Saint Blaise Regional School was expected to serve families impacted by the closure of Saint Bridget Parish School and Holy Child Regional this year. The archdiocese is

155 Enrollment as of Friday at now-closing St. Blaise Regional School. The school needed a minimum enrollment of 250 students.

encouraging affected families to register their child at certain parish schools in the surrounding area. METRO

By the numbers

Mayor Michael Nutter was at Sister Cities Park yesterday to give the annual report on the Greenworks program he launched in 2009. Now at its halfway point, here's a look at some of the progress.



5%

Less municipal energy used now than in 2009 due to initiatives that include using less vehicle fuel and replacing 85,000 traffic lights with LED bulbs.

80%

Philadelphians who now live within a 10-minute walk of Parks and Recreation facilities, exceeding the 2009 goal of 75 percent and setting a new target of providing walkable green space to all city residents.

428

Miles of bicycle lanes completed in Philadelphia since 2009.

75%

Increase in residential solid waste disposed via curbside recycling compared to 2010, exceeding the Greenworks goal of diverting 70 percent of waste from landfills and setting a new goal of diverting 100 nearly percent by 2014.



'No snitching' culture now squarely in DA's bull's-eye

Twenty-two-year-old James Ellis was shot eight to nine times while driving a Buick LeSabre last June, causing him to crash into a parked car on the 1000 block of Glenwood Street in Fairhill.

Detectives found a fully-loaded 9mm handgun on the blood-covered driver's seat and, in the door handle, 15 packets of crack cocaine and five Percocet pills.

Ellis later said he was shot while trying to purchase the Buick from a man he found on Craigslist. But a grand jury concluded Ellis was lying to conceal his shooter's identity and charged him with perjury and hindering apprehension.

The move came as part of what District Attorney Seth Williams is calling "a bold initiative with the police department" aimed at reducing gun violence by breaking down the city into six areas and pinpointing repeat offenders.

"The charges against James Ellis hopefully are sending a message about the 'no snitching' culture in the city of Philadelphia," Williams said. "This is a man who was shot multiple times and miraculously lived. Instead of making the most of his second chance, he chose to repeatedly lie."



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► The district attorney's office has 'Stop Snitching' in its sights.

Facebook talk

Some of the most damning evidence supporting the perjury charge was recovered from Ellis' Facebook account, on which he allegedly alluded to criminal activity.

► "Listen cuzn idk if u my man

or not you running around with da n---a who hit then u knew what was going on da whole time," he wrote in a message accusing a man of setting him up to be shot. Williams said he hopes to continue to use information obtained from social media accounts to support charges against future offenders.



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Relieved Europe hints at more time for Greece

Euro zone paymaster Germany, relieved at a narrow election victory for Greece's pro-bailout parties, signaled yesterday that it may be willing to grant Athens more time to

meet its fiscal targets to avert a catastrophic euro exit.

But financial markets' relief that the 17-nation European currency area had avoided plunging deeper into crisis was quickly overtaken by concern about unresolved problems in Greece, the lack of a comprehensive plan for the euro zone as a whole and weakness in the world economy. **REUTERS**

Mistress tells her side of John Edwards affair

Rielle Hunter, John Edwards' former mistress, writes in her new book that the two-time presidential candidate told her he had at least two previous affairs and also fabricated three other relationships so she would not become too attached, ABC News reported.

Hunter's book, "What Really Happened: John Edwards, Our Daughter, and

Me," is set to be released on June 26. It follows Edwards' federal trial in North Carolina, which ended in May with an acquittal on one campaign finance charge and a mistrial on five others after the jury deadlocked.

The Justice Department announced last week that it would not re-try the former U.S. senator. **REUTERS**

Defense under way, trial rapidly winding down



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► Accounts from the witnesses, now aged 18 to 28, of being victimized as young boys by a much older man, including oral sex and shared showers, at times brought them and jurors to tears.

Lawyers for Jerry Sandusky kicked off their side of the high-profile sex abuse trial with testimony from two former assistant football coaches who told jurors it was not unusual for grown men to shower with boys in the Penn State locker rooms.

Richard Anderson, who served on the school's coaching staff over two different periods for more than 20 years before retiring at the end of last season, told the jury yesterday he had witnessed Sandusky in the Pennsylvania State University showers with children, but never saw anything inappropriate.

He testified that he, too, would shower with children.

Sandusky, 68, the former defensive coordinator for Pennsylvania State University's successful football program, faces more than 50

counts of abusing 10 boys over a 15-year period, allegations that focused U.S. national attention on the issue of child sexual abuse and rocked the college sports world.

Judge John Cleland said yesterday the jury would be sequestered during deliberations, and he expected closing arguments in the fast-paced trial to take place on Thursday.

Over several days of testimony, prosecutors sought to show Sandusky is a serial sexual predator who targeted boys through the Second Mile charity he founded in 1977 for underprivileged children. If convicted on all counts, Sandusky faces a sentence of more than 500 years in prison.

The case prompted the firing last year of the university's president, Graham Spanier, and head football coach Joe Paterno. **REUTERS**

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US expands fire probe to 1.4 million Toyota vehicles

WASHINGTON. Some 1.4 million Toyota Motor Corp. vehicles are being scrutinized more closely by U.S. safety regulators looking for possible increased fire risk, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said yesterday.

The expanded probe includes the popular Camry sedan from model years 2007 to 2009.

The probe was upgraded to an engineering analysis from a preliminary investigation, which may lead to an eventual recall.

Fires have been reported at a high rate for Toyota models built from September 2006 to August 2008 that all have the same power window master switch design.

The expanded probe affects the 2007 to 2009 model year Camry, Camry Hybrid, RAV4 and Yaris vehicles, as well as 2008 Highlander Hybrid SUV. **REUTERS**

Falling house, stock prices erode household wealth

WASHINGTON. Households saw their wealth decline by more than a third between 2005 and 2010 as home values and share prices plummeted, leaving many with weak safety nets to weather a harsh economic environment.

The median household net worth dived 35 percent to \$66,740 in the five-year period, the census bureau said in a report yesterday. However, making comparisons with prior periods is difficult because of inflation adjustment issues. **REUTERS**

Heat wave to hit East Coast: Temps in upper 90s on way

RIKARD LARMAJMETRO



► Children at Awbury Recreation Center on Ardleigh Road in East Mount Airy were the first to enjoy the opening of some Philadelphia public pools yesterday.

A wave of heat pushing in from the Midwest will send temperatures above 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) from Boston to Atlanta beginning tomorrow.

New York may reach 97, 16 degrees above normal, on Thursday before temperatures start to fall back into the lower 80s and upper 70s, according to AccuWeather Inc. of State College, Pa. The temperature in Washington, D.C., is also expected to peak that day at 97, 11 above normal, and another streak in the 90s is expected in the

capitol the following week.

"We expect a rapid rise in cooling demand to come from the surge in temperatures by midweek in the East," Bob Haas, weather operations manager for MDA EarthSat Weather, said in a statement from Gaithersburg, Md. "Though short-lived, this heat event is likely to surpass any so far this season."

High temperatures may remain in the 90s in Richmond, Va., and Charlotte, N.C., into the first week of July, according to AccuWeather. Richmond may have a high of 99 on June 30.

AccuWeather said high pressure will build across the Great Lakes today, sending temperatures into the 90s from Milwaukee, Wis., to Louisville, Ky., then will shift to the east the following day. **BLOOMBERG**

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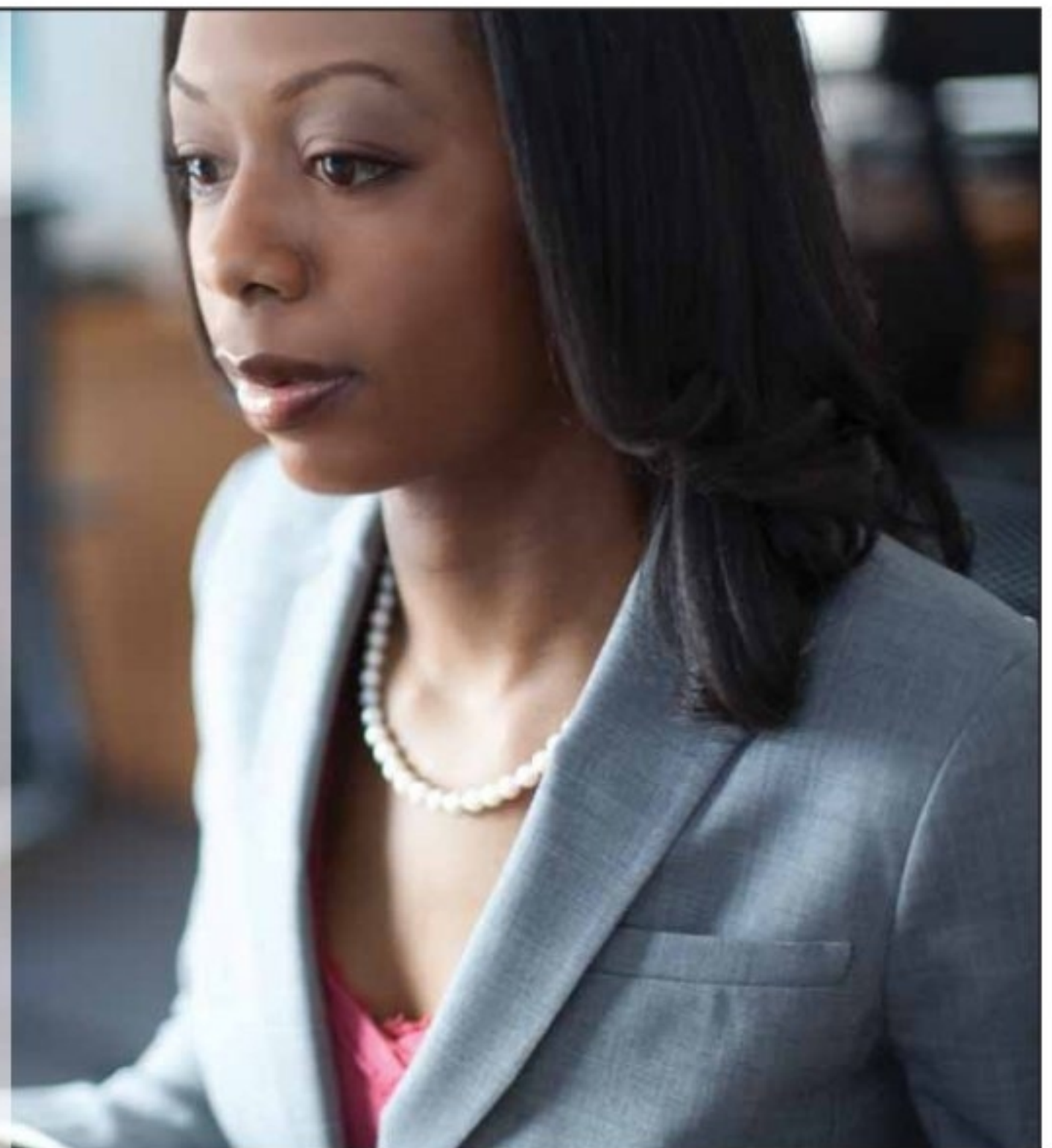
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Prison exchange program lets students, prisoners learn as peers

Lori Pompa, an instructor in the criminal justice department at Temple University, has always taken her students on field trips to meet some of the men and women incarcerated in prisons.

Starting in 1997, she began facilitating these encounters as more than one-time meetings. Pompa organized classes in which "inside" students (those currently incarcerated) and an equal number of "outside" students (undergraduates at a nearby college) participated as equals over an entire semester.

"Our outside students aren't there to study the inside students," Pompa says. "They're there to learn. All participants are in class together, as peers." These peer relationships lead to a better understanding of an array of social issues.

Fifteen years after that first



"The prison wall is the far end of all the walls we create between us — walls between rich and poor, black and white, good and bad. We can begin to break down these walls through dialogue, by meeting each other and exchanging ideas."

LORI POMPA

class, the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program has spread way beyond its Philadelphia birthplace. Programs have sprung up across the country and in Canada, and 324 people have been trained to teach Inside-Out classes. These classes are in subjects that include everything from math to theater and from nursing to history. In addition, several law schools are now participating.

Like the subject matter, the participants reflect a variety of backgrounds. Participating schools include "everything from community colleges to small liberal arts schools to major regional universities," Pompa says. What the students have in common is a willingness to shed their preconceptions and look at issues in new ways.

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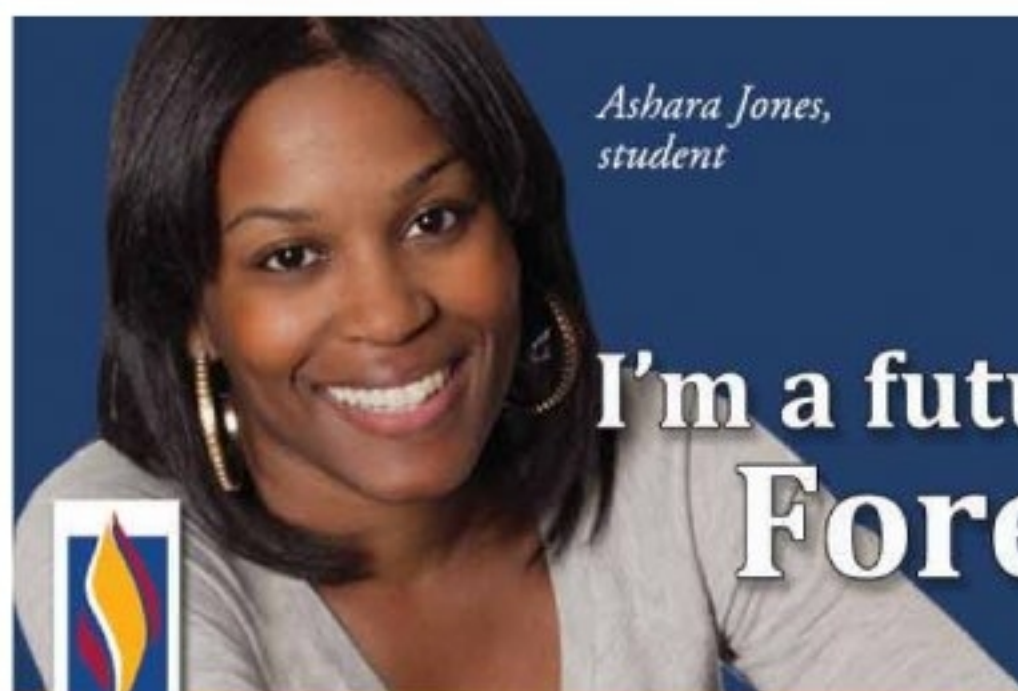
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Drake, Chris Brown fight far from over

What seemed to be a relatively minor bar fight between **Chris Brown** and **Drake** last week is still far from over.

The Manhattan night club where the incident took place, W.I.P., has been closed down due to multiple code violations, according to The Associated Press.

As for the fight itself, a source tells The Associated Press that the two hip-hop stars weren't even involved in the bottle-throwing brawl, claiming it was "entourage versus entourage, never Drake versus Chris," shooting down the theory that the two were fighting over **Rihanna**.

Rapper **Meek Mill** — who was at the club with Drake, and was initially identified as an instigator — also says the stars weren't involved. "Chris and Drake, them two was there, but it's other people that be around that take s— to the next level,"



▶ Drake



▶ Meek Mill

he tells MTV.com. "I seen girls in there throwing bottles. I never seen Chris Brown or Drake throw a bottle."

While Brown has already talked to cops, Drake has declined to answer questions. "Why would he turn himself in when he did not commit any wrongdoing?" his rep told the

New York Post in a statement on Sunday.

The only thing more annoying than a hip-hop fight is a never-ending non-hip-hop fight between "entourages" and publicists. This thing is one airborne bottle of Skinnygirl Margaritas away from being a "Real Housewives" episode.

Can't nobody hold Lohan down

Although she was treated for exhaustion and dehydration last week, **Lindsay Lohan** was back to partying on Saturday at the Chateau Marmont, according to Us Weekly. "For someone so exhausted, it was shocking to see her out past 1 a.m.," a source says, adding that she stayed until the hotel's restaurant cleared out for the night.

Paramedics were called to the actress's hotel room on Friday, but she's maintaining a sense of humor about it. "Note to self...after working 85 hours in 4 days, and being up all night shooting, be very



▶ Lohan on set

aware that you might pass out from exhaustion + 7 paramedics MIGHT show up @ your door...Hopefully they're cute. Otherwise it would be a real let down," she tweeted.

Linds, we like your style. But next time, just pull the fire alarm — way cuter, and they carry axes.

Charlie Sheen to retire

After his new show "Anger Management" wraps, **Charlie Sheen** plans to retire from acting. "I've been doing this 30 years. And there's a lot more out there to do than make-believe, you know?" the former "Two and a Half Men" star tells The New York Times. "I mean, I'm grateful. I've got a dream life as a di-

rect result of television, you know? But at some point you just get tired of wearing somebody else's clothes, saying somebody else's words and working in somebody else's space."

Charlie, this whole wearing clothes you don't like and saying things you don't mean thing? It's called work. We're all tired of it. And very few of us are lucky enough to afford the drugs to escape it.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to.

@ActuallyNPH:

Thanks so much for all of my B'day tweets! I had a spectacular day in Montreal w/ the delicious @DavidBurtka. I'm liking this 39 stuff!

@BetteMidler:

Assasins! Something has murdered two of my chickens, Khloe and Kourtney! It gnawed thru the chicken wire and pounced...poor dears. RIP.

@JohnStamos: my heart is drenched in wine- yet, somehow I still remain clueless.

@AlbertBrooks: I worry about Lindsay Lohan. And not just because I loaned her \$1100.

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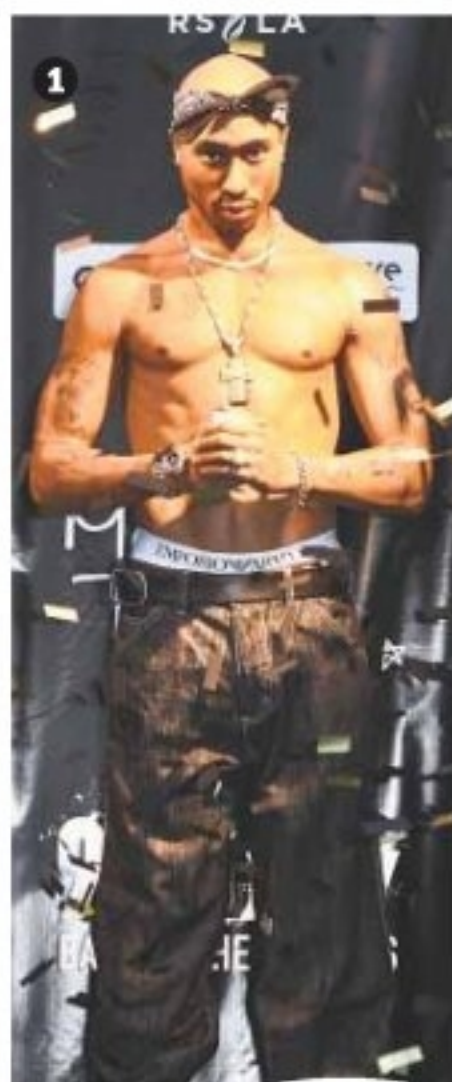
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To do: Stay awesome

1. No, **Tupac**'s not alive (officially, at least): His wax figure debuted at Madame Tussauds in Hollywood over the weekend.

2. When it comes to the ladies, **Justin Bieber** is wise beyond his 18 years: The singer toted his adorable little brother, **Jaxon**, to the MuchMusic Video Awards in Toronto on Sunday.

3. Now this is an unexpected trio: **Betty White**, **Sarah Michelle Gellar** and a very large snake attended the Beastly Ball at the

Los Angeles Zoo on Saturday.

4. Speaking of unlikely friends, the **Dalai Lama** and **Russell Brand** were joking around at a conference in Manchester on Saturday.

5. "Modern Family" star **Rico Rodriguez** had some simple life advice on the MuchMusic red carpet.

6. **Katy Perry** let her colors burst during a performance at the MuchMusic Video Awards.

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► Dolan

'An insane leap

► Boss biographer Marc Dolan on covering a subject who is always changing ► 'Promise of Rock 'N' Roll' explores Springsteen as artist/political figure

Marc Dolan doesn't concern himself too much with the dirty details of Bruce Springsteen's private life. The author instead takes an unusually scholarly approach to the Boss in his new book, "Bruce Springsteen and the Promise of Rock 'N' Roll" (W.W. Norton and Company).

Dolan, a professor at John Jay College and the City University of New York, listened to more than 100 full concerts for clues to piece together the 50-year artistic and political evolution of his subject — but finishing it proved a little difficult.

"I started the book before the last two chapters happened, which, looking back, is an insane leap of faith," says

Dolan. "As I was working on the drafts, the ending became a moving target."

His subject is anything but static. In the span of three years, the singer jumped from "Devils & Dust," a dark solo album, to "We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions," a rollicking folk album, to "Magic" a rock album that brought back his E Street Band. Though he spent seven years on this book, with the amount of recent Boss activity, Dolan never seemed to have his "sick of sitting here trying to write this book" moment. In the past year, not only did E Street legend Clarence Clemons pass away, but Springsteen also announced his new "Wrecking Ball" album.

"The Onion, before the new

Boss ain't perfect

Throughout the nearly 500 pages of his book, Dolan treats his subject with respect, but the author isn't overly gentle.

"There was that astonishing moment from the winter of 1971, where he really went from being a horrible songwriter to being a brilliant songwriter in the space of three months," says Dolan, bemoaning the fact that he wasn't legally allowed to quote some of these hilariously bad lyrics. To see one that he would have really liked to include in the book, visit us at www.metro.us.

album was announced, did a parody thing about how Springsteen was coming out with a science-fiction album about workers on Mars and how they've been marginalized. I posted on Facebook that, 'A) This is very funny B) For a split second I thought I had to re-write the last chapter.'"

Dolan says the book wasn't exactly an easy sell for publishers, when they learned that he would be exploring Springsteen's place in American culture, and not salacious rumors.

"I had to convince the sales staff at the press," says Dolan. "When I was writing it up, I said, [it's really] a love story between an artist and his audi-

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► Springsteen is pictured here in 1975, a few years after he stopped writing "horrible" songs.

ence. Part 1: Artist meets audience. Part 2: Artist and audience have some good times together. Part 3: Artist and audience break up, seemingly over politics, but actually over communication, which is the problem

with any relationship. Part 4: They come back together with a renewed understanding of how they relate to each other."



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TV watch list

'MasterChef'

REALITY. The 15 remaining contestants have to get extra crafty with tonight's main ingredients: Cuts of meat that don't usually make it to the Whole Foods display case. 9 p.m., Fox

'Franklin & Bash'

COMEDY. Peter and Jared de-

pend a dognapper, and in the process they run into something just as disturbing: their own fumbling doppelgangers. 10 p.m., TNT

'Love in the Wild'

REALITY. The contestants are chained together, then sent for a hike through a bat cave. We're really beginning to wonder: Do these guys know this show's "prize" is just an extended date with a fellow desperate bat-cave hiker? 10 p.m., NBC

MONICA WEYMOUTH



► "MasterChef" puts the remaining 15 to a new test.

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today's parents face. Find tickets and theater locations at www.fathomevents.com.

Hit the great outdoors this weekend

Saturday marks the eighth annual Great American Backyard Campout, sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation. Register your camping plans at www.nwf.org and access campfire recipes, outdoor activities,

songs, games and a guide to nighttime wildlife. You can also raise funds for the organization's conservation efforts and win prizes.

Skin cancer surprise

Melanoma isn't just for grown-ups. Children can get it too; about 500 in the U.S. are diagnosed every year. Kids with dark skin, especially those of Hispanic descent, are at extra risk. Dr. Dennis Hughes, an

oncologist specializing in melanoma at MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital in Texas, says that childhood melanoma may not present itself the way adult melanoma does — in more than half of the cases, the dangerous spot looks like a wart and has no pigment. Dr. Hughes also advises keeping an eye out for spots that grow slowly over time, are larger than the size of a pencil eraser and itch, bleed or have an irregular surface.

● MEREDITH ENGEL

Expert advice

Window warning

Each year, almost 5,200 children are taken to the hospital for injuries from window-related falls, according to a recent study from the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital, in Columbus, Ohio. Take these simple precautions to keep your child safe.

Don't rely on screens. Invest in window stops (which prevent a window from opening) and guards (which look like railings). They're hard for children to unlock, says Parents advisor Gary A. Smith, M.D., Dr.P.H., senior author of the study and president of the Child Injury Prevention Alliance. **Move furniture and beds away from windows.** Children are likely to climb up to get a better view outside, increasing the chance of a fall.

Choose safe window treatments. Not only can window cords pose a strangulation



► Window stops and guards help keep your child protected near windows.

risk during a fall, but they can also be a strangulation hazard if kids are playing near them indoors. It's best to use cordless window shades instead.

Soften the landing. Planting shrubbery or bushes below windows can help cushion the impact in case of a fall.

RACHEL MORRIS

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America, where has our freedom gone?

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Is anyone else appalled at the idea of a "First Amendment designated area" for protesters? It implies that free speech doesn't exist unless those in power give special permission. Can you imagine what the original patriots would have thought of this?

Those patriots opposed the established government of their day, and public sentiment was not solidly in their favor, yet they spoke and acted nonetheless. Remember that the next time you feel like calling protesters unpatriotic.

TONY PARKES, VIA E-MAIL

Both sides of the immigration divide

RE: "ON IMMIGRATION: OBAMA GOES TOO FAR": In the sense of granting the children of illegals, who had no say in where they were to be, a reprieve from deportation, President Obama showed some sympathy for those within a nation who have many jumping at the bit to toss them over the fence. They are and were not to blame for their predicament. The vitriol

lobbed at him for not caring for his own people is also interesting, as many of these folks are the same who want less government involvement with their lives to begin with or would scrap social programs at the drop of a hat. In this move, he is offering these children a lifetime opportunity to actually give back and perhaps make up for the moves their parents made. **COLIN MINICH, VIA E-MAIL**

I would be interested in hearing alternatives from those who are opposed to giving young illegal immigrants amnesty.

GLORIA CHALVET, UNIVERSITY CITY

President Obama has chosen to make his own laws on immigration. In this case, he has chosen to allow younger immigrants to stay and get

jobs because he says this is the right thing to do! Obviously he knows that he has alienated his supporters because he makes his own laws and bows to pervers and fringe groups. What we must understand is that this is a president who is desperate, so he's doing whatever he can to get support. As a result, the president is looking for anything that people are emotionally connected to so that he can play up to it in the hope of getting votes. We shouldn't punish minors who come here when their parents bring them — but at the same time, there is a legal way to do things, and this president doesn't seem to care about doing things legally. Whatever he wants, he simply thinks he should get it without understanding you can't do anything any old way. **JOHN HEMPHILL, VIA E-MAIL**

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JOEY DAVIS, VIA E-MAIL

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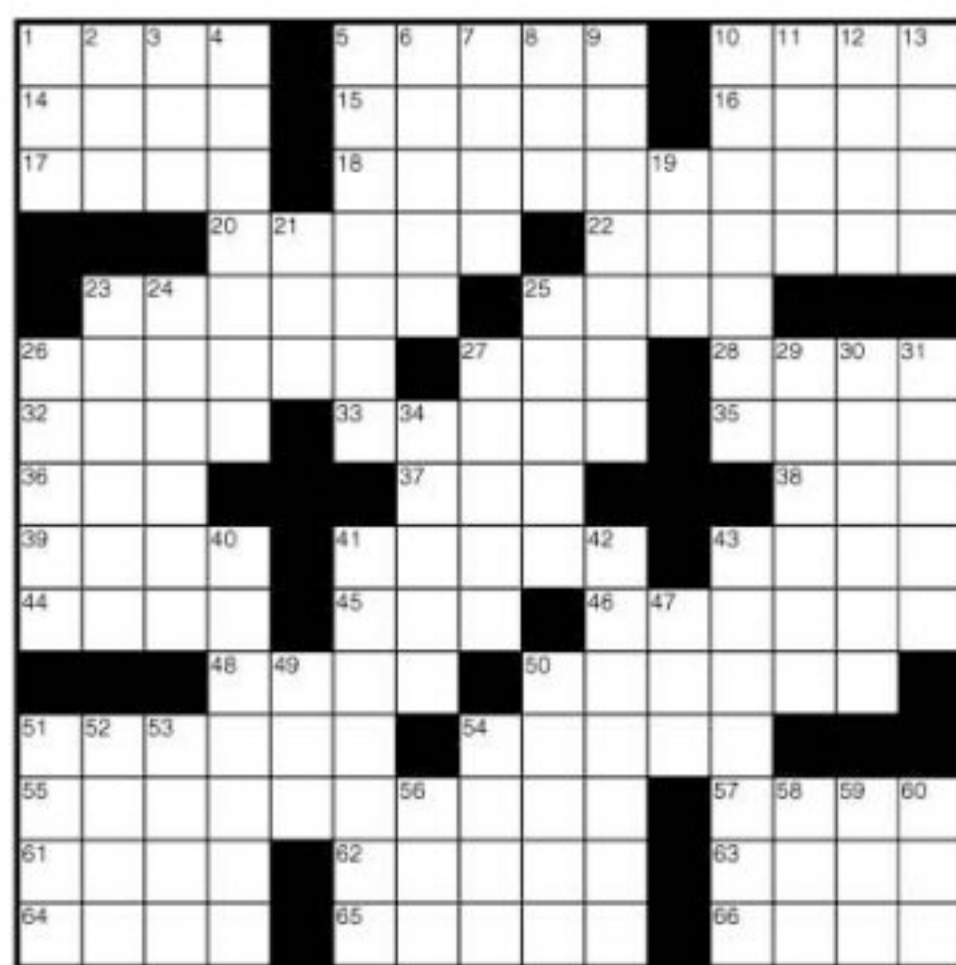
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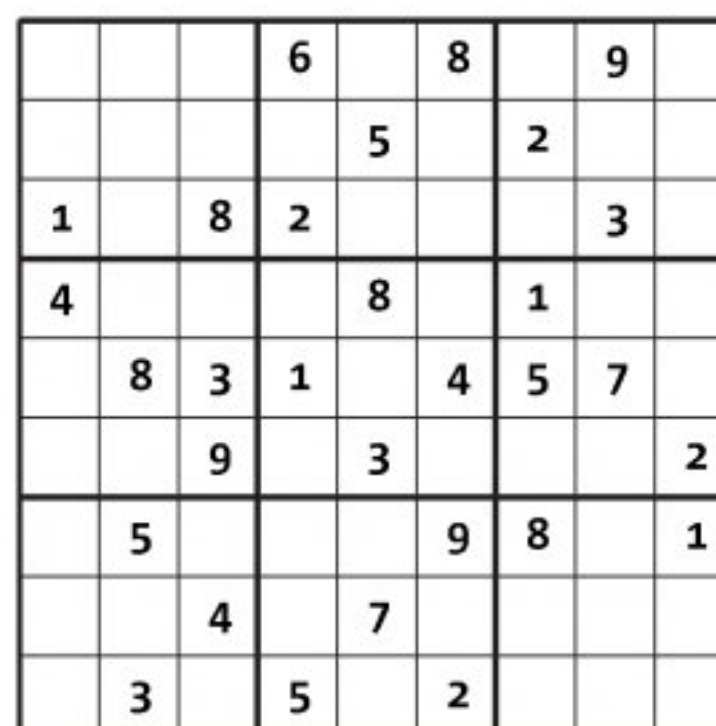
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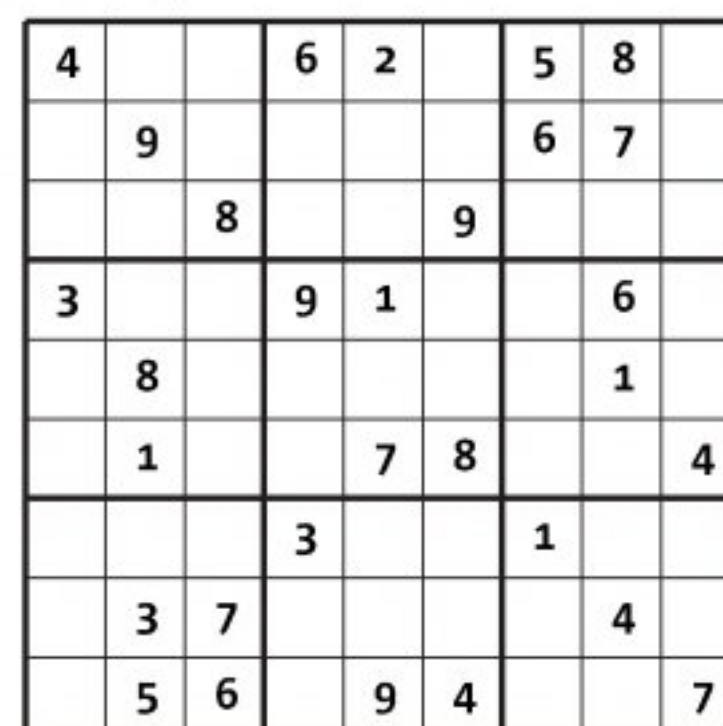
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Cox signs rookie deal with Eagles

► Top pick inks four-year contract ► Looking forward to training camp, working hard ► Never had a worry

Fletcher Cox has had a lot on his mind in the last week. In between meeting his new Eagles teammates and learning the playbook, he had to deal with the tragic death of his cousin. One day he was in Mississippi comforting his family, the next he was at minicamp.

Well, the roller coaster continued yesterday as Cox inked a four-year deal with the Birds. The team's top draft pick (No. 12 overall) will report to Lehigh University, on time, when rookies and selected veterans report on July 22.

"First off, I want to thank Coach Reid, Mr. Lurie and Howie Roseman," Cox said yesterday. "My mindset is just doing what I'm coached to do, and that's playing hard and being relentless."

When asked about his contract situation last Thursday, Cox expressed no concern. The tackle-end hybrid said his agent was working hard and he didn't expect to miss the start of training camp.

"If you miss three days, get three days behind, you miss a



► Fletcher Cox was the No. 12 overall pick in April's draft. The Eagles moved up three spots to land him.

lot," Cox said. "We didn't want to do that. I talk with my agent a lot, he said the deal would get done way before training camp. I trusted my agent to get it done and he got it done."

Cox will spend the next month training with his college coach in Mississippi. He

also plans to do something special for his family, especially his mom.

"I'll do something special for them," he said. "But my most important thing is playing football."

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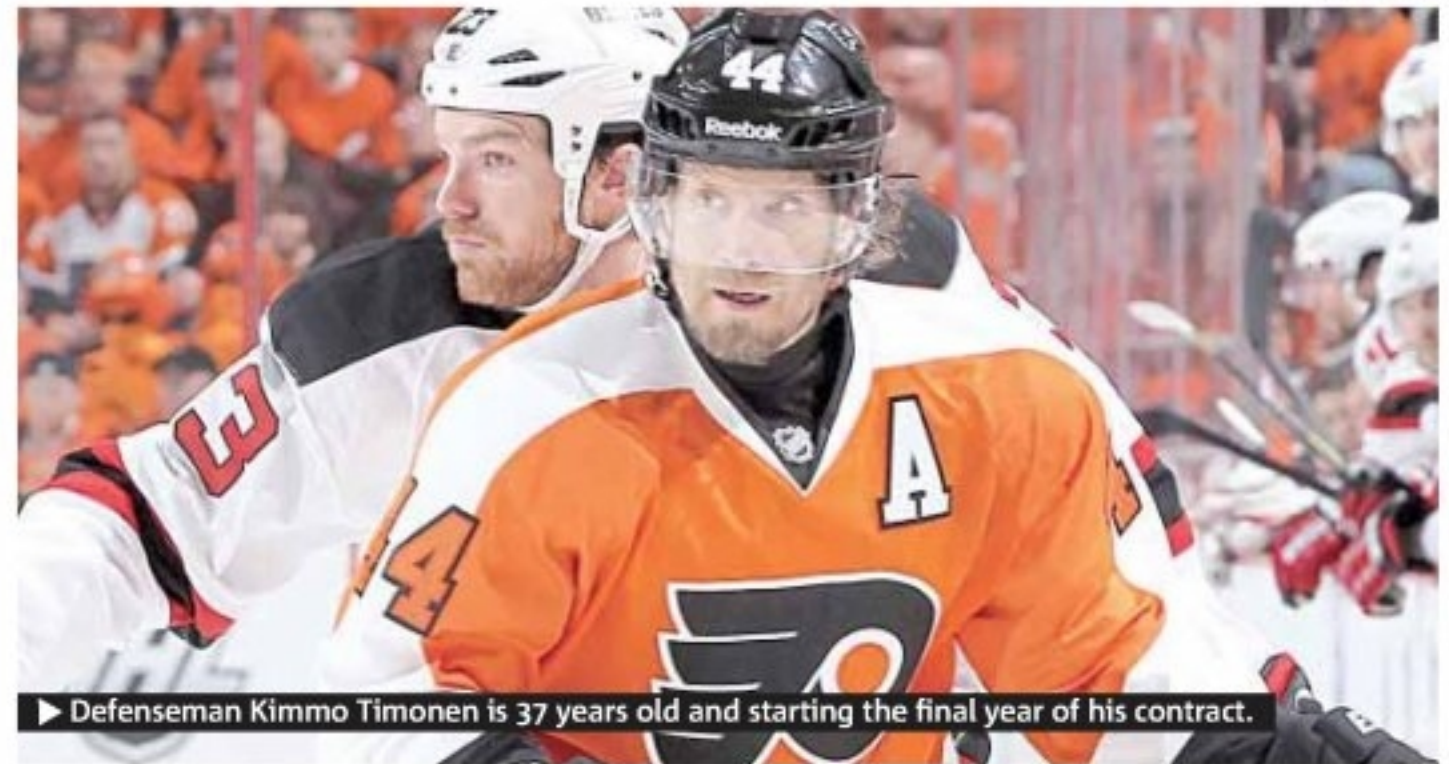
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► Defenseman Kimmo Timonen is 37 years old and starting the final year of his contract.

Flyers wise to look at ghosts of past NHL drafts

► Flyers hold No. 20 pick in Friday's draft ► Holmgren vows to take best available ► GM to look at free agents

The Flyers have struck gold, so-to-speak, in worse spots than this. The Orange and Black hold the No. 20 pick in the upcoming NHL draft.

Try Simon Gagne, No. 22 in 1998. Or Mike Richards, No. 24 in 2003, selected 13 spots after Jeff Carter. And then there's No. 22 in 2006, a guy named Claude Giroux.

None of which means a thing when it's finally their turn Friday night in Pittsburgh. Flyers GM Paul Holmgren said they'll likely go with the best player available, regardless of position.

"I would say that we will stick with our same philosophy," said Holmgren. "We have done well with that. I

could tell you now we are stronger as an organization at the forward position than at defense. That doesn't mean that we are going to take a defenseman."

Chris Pronger's status remains in limbo, while Matt Carle could be lost in free agency and Kimmo Timonen is set to begin the final year of his contract.

"It's hard to find a Chris Pronger," said Holmgren. "I don't know if he's out there. We'll take a peek on July 1 [when free agency begins] and see what's available and if there's a way we can improve our team, we'll take a shot at it."

As for expecting anyone

from this weekend's draft to contribute the way Sean Couturier, Matt Read, Brayden Schenn and the rest of this past season's rookie crop did, that's probably asking a lot. And with their second- and third-round picks traded in the Nicklas Grossmann and Pavel Kubina deals, they certainly won't have the quantity, let alone quality.

"We think we will get a player there that is a good prospect," said Holmgren. "That's why we like the 20th pick. Historically, we have done pretty good picking late."

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Clemens acquitted of all charges

Roger Clemens openly wept outside a Washington courthouse yesterday.

In his mind, he believes the whole steroids thing is over and his name is fully cleared. He's back on the fast-track to Cooperstown. After five long years, justice was served.

Now, Clemens goes back home to Houston with his

HGH-using wife, Debbie, and it's a sure bet that her drug use will be brought up at some point while they chat around the kitchen table.

Clemens' lawyer, Rusty Hardin, spoke yesterday of how it was a "beautiful, sunny" day for the crew. But there may not be many bright afternoons for "The Rocket" down

the road. His ultimate goal is surely to get into the Hall of Fame, but voters will undoubtedly hesitate on voting for the former Red Sox, Blue Jays, Yankees and Astros pitcher due to the court of public opinion's decision on his steroid use years ago. Clemens' name will appear on the HOF ballot for the first time in 2013. ● **METRO**

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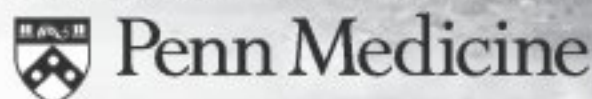
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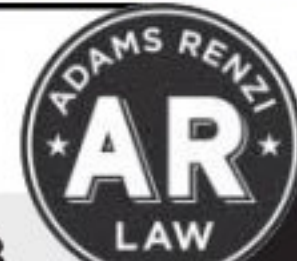
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